

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-20 are pending in the application, with 1 being the independent claim. Claims 1, 2, 3 and 5 have been amended. New claims 6-20 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,405,123 to Rennard et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The portion of Rennard et al cited by the Examiner, column 12, lines 34-54 and column 18, lines 48-53, merely teaches receiving destination or route information. In contrast, independent claim 1 as amended recites "receiving a query containing a location code regarding a point of interest, wherein said location code includes location and categorical information about said point of interest." The method then returns information about the point of interest to the user. The applied art fails to teach or suggest such a method.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests that independent claim 1 be passed to allowance based on the arguments above. Further, original claims 2-5 and new claims 6-15 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are also patentable over the art of record in view of the arguments above relative to claim 1 and further in view of their individual features, and therefore request that the claims 2-15 be passed to allowance.

New independent claim 17 recites "that said information includes a visual display of said point of interest." The cited art fails to teach or suggest this feature of claim 17. As such, Applicants submit that claim 17 is patentable over the art. Further, claims 18-20 depend from claim 17 and therefore are patentable for the same reason claim 17 is patentable over the art in addition to their individual features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the claims 17-20 be passed to allowance.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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